

IF IT WON'T HELP
W'N THE WAR —
FORGET IT!

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HOW TO FIGURE YOUR INCOME TAX

Tom Allen

HOW TO GET YOUR REFUND

The Government expects to make refunds. The law was even changed so that it would be simple and easy for you to get a refund. And if you have to pay a tax, the Government expects you to take whatever steps you can in order to save tax.

NO RETURN — NO REFUND

But, don't expect the Government to sit down and write you a check. To get your refund, you must first show that it owes you the money. And you can't prove it unless you file a tax return.

WHO MUST FILE RETURN

Even if you are not going to get a refund (because you still might owe some tax), the law says that you must file a tax return on March 15

(1) if you are single and made \$500 or more in 1943; or

(2) if you are married and you and your wife together made \$1,200 or more in 1943; or

(3) if you are married and either you or your wife made over \$624 in 1943; or

(4) if you filed a tax return for 1942 and had to pay a tax.

In the usual case, you will find that you must file a tax return on March 15 and show what your total tax for 1943 should be.

SUPPOSE NO RETURN REQUIRED

Suppose you are one of the people who don't have to file a tax return because none of the above rules apply. If this is your case, then you are entitled to a 100% cash refund of the amount taken out of your pay — if, and only if, you file a tax return!

SUPPOSE RETURN REQUIRED

If you are one of the salaried and wage-earners who must file a tax return, because you do meet one of the four tests, you're wondering, "Am I not all paid up on my tax? Didn't the 20% tax my employer took out of my pay make me even with the Government?" The odds are that it did not. The money taken out of your pay has been placed in your account. Also, any payments made by you last March 15 and June 15 on account of 1942 tax are in this account. When you file your tax return, you will show how much tax you really should have paid. If the money already paid into



DIE SINKERS SINK A FEW PILLS . . . at Montebello last Sunday the Die Sinkers had a real tournament despite the overcast weather. Here's the gang at the nineteenth hole . . . a clever time exposure taken by TONY ROSENBERGER by means of an automatic timing device. Left to right (Standing) TOM CHRIST, RUSSELL COCHRAN, KENNETH FAIN, ROBERT ROSNER, LEONARD TAYLOR, SID ARTER. (Front Row) JOHN SHEPHERD, LARRY MAHER, TONY ROSENBERGER,

CARL MALMQUIST and BOB CRIST. Below: LARRY MAHER and TOM CHRIST discuss a putt, while RUSSELL COCHRAN gives a demonstration of ROBERT BENCH. LEY'S advice on how to relax on golf course.

OUR VALIANT FIGHTING MEN . . . soldiers, sailors, marines, fliers, seabees . . . are on the attack . . . nothing can stop them EXCEPT your failure to buy more bonds.

CHESTER HUSBAND GETS \$400 FOR A SUGGESTION

Bob Ringle

your account is more than what you should have paid, you will get a refund. If you still owe money, you'll have to pay it when you file.

TRUE TAX

The 20% tax is only a way to collect the tax from you as you make your money. It is not the true tax you owe. To figure your true tax, you must file a tax return. The tax law only assumes what your deductions are — but if you can show that they are more — your true tax will be smaller and your cash refund will be bigger!

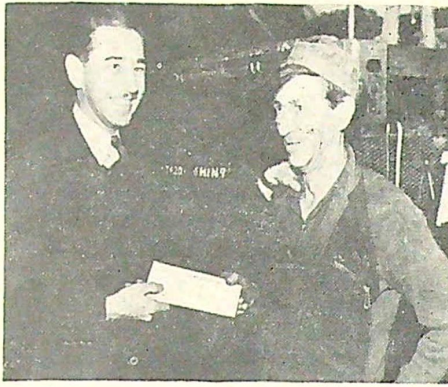
As a general rule, if you own your own home, your own car, or belong to a union, your true tax will be a lot less than you think — and you may be entitled to a refund. But to get it — remember — you must file a tax return!

TAX MATTERS

INCOME TAX HELP

The Internal Revenue Department's local office has assigned a representative to be on hand in our Personnel Department for three days, February 21, 22 and 23, to assist Plomb employees in making out their Income Tax Reports correctly. All who wish to take advantage of this free service should come well prepared with all figures necessary to complete the report promptly. The more complete your figures are, the quicker the job can be done.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to avail yourself of tax assistance YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT in advance. Get your name on the date book in Personnel IMMEDIATELY to assure yourself this help. See Fred Bozon.



PICKED FROM THE PLOMB TREE

M. B. P. has been named a member of the San Marino City School Board. Another honor for Plomb's president!

MRS. J. W. PIGMAN and daughter, PATSY, of Dalhart, Texas, are here for a short visit with BETTY JEAN PIGMAN, secretary to R. W. KERR.

TOM WINNER, formerly assistant sup't. of stockroom, was through the city last Sunday. Is now 1st Lt. in Infantry. Two other former stockroom employees now hold army commissions, WAYNE McPEALS in Signal Corps, and GEORGE RIPPENGAL in Tank Destroyer Unit.

MR. DILLON STEVENS, Vice President and Chairman of the Board, is returning from Washington, New York and Chicago on February 14. It will be nice having him with us again as we have missed his presence very much.

CORRESPONDENCE DEPT.

(Mailing and Filing)

Rosie Williamson and Norma Hogan

Two new girls have been added to our filing department the past few weeks, BETTY BOWLES and BEA RILEY . . . not bad. Maybe you should take a look as you pass by us sometime.

It seems MARY ADELE DANA is enjoying her trips to the bank more lately. You don't suppose its because of the two handsome NAVY LTS. she saw Monday. Could be . . . eh what Mary???

The new mail girl in the morning is GERALDINE RIGGINS. Remember, the name is Gerry.

Notice from the MAIL ROOM to service men receiving the Anvil Chorus:

"If your Anvil Chorus is late in getting to you, perhaps the reason is an incorrect address. Send us your right address and help speed up delivery."

Be so patriotic and so considerate of your own future that you DO NOT cash your bonds except in cases of the direst need. When peace-time readjustments come it is going to be a grand and glorious feeling for all of us that have a good "cushion" of bonds to fall back on.

The biggest news from the Suggestion Committee is that Chester Husband, employee of the Plomb Tool Company 17 years, recently received an award \$400 for his suggestion to eliminate abrasive cream used in the Lupoma barrels. Chick proved that tools could satisfactorily tumboed without the abrasive cream. In the picture Charlie C. breath is giving him the \$100 check which was the initial payment on his \$400 award. Chick immediately converted his award check into War Bonds and he tends to use the rest of the award for the same purpose.

John D. Reinhart received a \$100 award for a suggestion that the ends of ratchet handles be finished in the Polishing Dept., rather than on a Turret Lathe. His suggestion saved many man hours.

The following is a summary of the suggestion system results for the year 1943: Total suggestions received 35, total number of awards made 115, number of suggestions still awaiting trial 1, total amount of money in awards this year were made \$3,022.

Eighteen people received awards of \$50 or over and six people received awards of \$100 or more.

Though many people have received over \$100 in awards during the year, the six people who turned in top flight suggestions on which the individual award amounted to more than \$100 are as follows: Lucille Ellsworth of the Stockroom Dept.; Anthony Chimbole, Tool Die; Robert Hudnall, Welding; Neil Waley, Grinding; Adolph Weininger, Grinding; E. McMahon, Grinding.

Approximately 60 per cent of the suggestions on which awards were made were for ideas to increase production, reduce costs, and save materials.

DISTRIBUTION SERVICE DEP'T.

Ernest Wynkoop, Mgr.

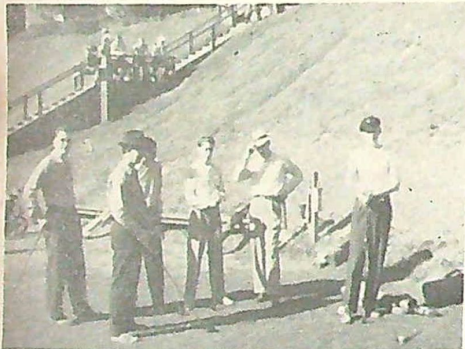
AN INFORMAL PARTY was enjoyed by Stockroom Lads and Lassies in the Club House last Saturday after shift. The only known casualty was our JO who landed on "you know what" — from the ostentatious saddle of a motorized mount.

BILL BRIGGS consistently continues with considerable enthusiasm, the man improvement jobs for Stockroom and Office. For a scant (and sweet) hour, his department expanded its personnel to the extent of one attractive, singular, feminine helper, and so Bill and "Billie" efficiently and promptly did the job of marking the entire "discontinued" files. Good work!

TWO-THIRDS OF "PROMOTION" IS "MOTION."

THE MOVIE MAGNATES WHO HAVE ACQUIRED WEALTH SHOULD THANK THEIR LUCKY STARS.

WE BOUGHT EXTRA BONDS: The symbol that has these words on it should be on display in the window of your home. It tells the world that you are doing YOUR share.



GOLFING SEXTETTE at the Midwick Southern California Country Club, Sunday, January 16th, 1944. Left to right: SHERM, MILLER, GEORGE WADDLETON, BOB RINGLE, CHARLIE GADBREATH, GEORGE CARLSON and PAT RYAN. Next Tournament scheduled for Sunday, February 27th, at Western Ave. Golf Course.

WANTED TO RENT: 3 to 5 room apartment or house, furnished or unfurnished. Adults. Please contact Ada Epstein, Production Control Dept. Reward.

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IN WHICH WE JOIN IN A CHORUS OF VICTORY

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BASEBALL

Dave Gesick

HII PLOMB TOOL KIDS. Just a word about our baseball team.

As all of you know Plomb has had some mighty fine soft ball teams in the past but just between you and me we have a team this year which will rate with the best of them.

We hope to have a group picture in Anvil Chorus soon. So be on the lookout for them and see who is from your department.

If you don't recognize them from their pictures, come out and get acquainted. We need a rooting section anyway. How's about getting behind your team like we did the War Bond Drive.

Good combination . . . bonds and baseball. Let's support 'em both.

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT POSTERS ON WALL BY THE STAIRS LEADING TO THE CAFETERIA.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Dain Sturges

EYES "RIGHT"

During the past week several additional people wisely ordered their prescription ground Safety Glasses. Have you ordered yours? If you are skeptical, ask Don Williams, Machine Repair; Mary Wipperman, Mills; Felix Sanchez on the Polish Line; or Tom Reitmeyer in the Machine Shop — and soon, many more. It takes a month to get them, so bring your prescription in as soon as possible. Remember: if you break your glasses it's your loss, and it may be serious!

SHOE, SHOE, BABY

The Traveling Shoe Store will be here next Tuesday, February 15, 1944 at 9:00 a. m., and back again in the evening at 5:00 p. m. Protect your feet because you won't get very far without them.

SCOTTY MONROE, former Plomb Tooler, called up the other day and inquired about the Plomb gang, expressing his desire to be back at the old stand as a member of the Plomb team.

THE THINGS THAT GET THE MOST BREAKS IN THIS WORLD ARE GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

SICK LIST

Dorothy Van Gundy, R. N.

FRANK SMITH of the stock room is confined to his home by illness.

EVELYN MANN, Machine Shop, has returned to work after a brief illness.

LILLIAN MOHR, Inspection, has been ill for the past few days.

LYOYD BOLLEN, Polish Dept., has had the "flu" for the past three days.

ARTHUR GRAHAM, Maintenance Dept., is at home ill with a severe cold.

We are still having our usual patients who suffer from sore muscles due to baseball, riding motorcycles, bowling and an occasional fall from high heels — no names to be mentioned of course.

TOM BROWN'S SAVE-DAY

Tom Brown was always happy on Friday. He worked at Plomb and that was pay-day; But Tom never knew where his money went . . .

By Monday morning it was all spent, And Tom didn't have a copper cent. Now Tom Brown always has a smile. He's investing his money in something worth-while.

He's helping himself and his fellow-man By buying all the bonds he can On the pay-roll deduction plan.

—Mildred Williams.

A FAVORITE POEM:

TOMORROW
(Author Unknown)

Honey! Jes' lissen! Don't cry and fret; There's a whole day tomorrow that ain't been touched yet.

Might be a sunrise make yo' heart shout — Look jes' like Heaven turned inside out. Might be a-walkin' 'long o' the road, Fin' a gol' nugget — big as a toad. Might turn a corner — mos' any place, Bes' frien' a' smilin' right in yo' face. Heart o' mine, lissen! Why will yo' fret? There's a whole day tomorrow that ain't been touched yet!

—Submitted by the Mail Room.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Factory - Los Angeles—

JOSEPH GROSS 18 years
OTIS EATON 2 years
RONALD L. EVANS 2 years

Office - Los Angeles—

CLAUDE BORING 2 years

HAPPINESS IS THAT PECULIAR SENSATION WHICH YOU ACQUIRE WHEN YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO BE MISERABLE.

NOTES ON THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

Carroll Harlan

To many a U. S. Merchant seaman facing danger on the high seas, two organizations stand head and shoulders above all others. One of them is an obvious object of professional admiration . . . the U. S. Navy. The other would stump most guessers. It is the unpaid, volunteer Civil Air Patrol. Men in ships hardened by endless repetition of the inherent hazards of their own calling, still gape with honest admiration when they hear the sewing-machine hum of a low-powered C. A. P. engine far from land, and see a tiny land plane soaring overhead, patiently on the alert for the feather of a U-boat's periscope.

RECENTLY there were signs that the C. A. P.'s seagoing airmen had been given another and more exciting job to add to reconnaissance for submarines and torpedoed seamen. The official journal of the U. S. Army Air Forces debagged a cat which the close-mouthed C. A. P. had kept discreetly tied: many C. A. P. planes have been equipped with special bomb racks and bombsights.

THE C. A. P. RACKS and bombsights are simple, efficient devices designed by an Air Forces officer. The rack can carry two demolition bombs and two smoke bombs (for marking sub locations) and is operated by a lever on the floor. The bombsight, hung outside the window, is effective up to 3000 feet and is made of materials worth only 20 cents.

UNTIL IT GOT RACKS and sights, C. A. P. was chiefly effective in locating submarines for the big game hunters in bombing planes and surface craft. The C. A. P. men would radio a sub's location and wait for the nearest craft with enough slugging power to get on the job.

Now that C. A. P. planes have the 20 cent bombsight and the eggs snuggled up against their bellies, Nazi submarine commanders will have to dive faster and more often and fewer will escape.

PROMOTION

ANNA LAVENBERG, our well known Timekeeper, has been promoted and is now working with the Production Cost Department. She has done a swell job as Timekeeper and we are sorry to lose her but wish her the best of luck in her new position.

We also take this opportunity to welcome **MISS ARDITH DOUGHERTY**, who recently arrived here from Tacoma, Washington, and will take over the position of Timekeeper. We know that she will prove a valuable asset to the Plomb Tool family.

ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT

Ernest Heinold, Foreman

(The "Crows' Nest" of Plomb Tool Co.)

The Engraving Department may be only a hole in the wall as **ERNE HEINOLD** describes it . . . but its a mighty important "hole". Off in a corner of the top floor, overlooking the yawning abyss of Victory Lane and adjacent canyons the boys who work there see all but don't tell much.

Says Ernie: "This new method of collecting news for the Anvil Chorus is a bright idea and I will bet it will bring out a lot of items from departments that we will like to know; for we are "busy little bees" up here and don't get around very much to visit with other departments. Success to this new idea. We will have some news as often as possible from the Engraving Department".

NOW THE PLOMB TEAM CAN SHOUT!

Russell Ross

Hats off to the Labor-Management Committee for a grand job done in soliciting for Pay Roll Deductions for Bonds! And Hats Off and a rousing cheer for the Plomb Family in coming through in such a "We're going to win-the-war spirit" by supporting the Fourth War Loan Drive!

Plomb Tool employees have exceeded the quota of \$60,000 by at least \$3,000.

The final clean-up is under way. To secure the highest award of the Treasury Department we must have at least 90 per cent of the employees making pay roll deductions and today (February 9th) we are nearly there.

According to newspaper reports we are among the first and the highest of the War Production Plants and way ahead of the general public.

CREDIT UNION

Bill Heald

DOROTHY MCGILL smilingly serves your needs for many personal services from her office in the **CREDIT UNION DEPT.** At the rate Dorothy is writing Money Orders now, she will have helped you to transact over \$80,000 of your business in the first year this service has been installed.

OVER 400 EMPLOYEES pay their utility bills every month through this service bureau. Also you are buying stamps at the rate of \$2,400 per year through this office. Give Dorothy a hand for doing a swell job.

EDITH MULLINS, in her congenial way fills a position of real responsibility with the **CREDIT UNION** in addition to her duties with the Cafeteria books and accounts. Both Edith and Dorothy are responsible for issuing checks varying in amounts from 25 cents to \$6000.00 resulting in a volume of transactions with the Plomb Employees' Credit Union of over \$147,000.00 last year.

CREDIT UNION OFFICE with all of its activities has been a major factor in keeping Plomb employees on the job, reducing absenteeism to a minimum.

POLISH DEPARTMENT

Al Carhart, Supervisor

ED. MOORE is back on the job, after being absent four days with a cold.

ANDREW STIRLING is on the sick list this week. Hope you will be back soon Andy.

The Rat-Tat-Tat of the air hammer in the Polish Department this week, brings a thought of what our Buddies of the Polish line have to work, sleep, and eat by over there. So just think what a few lines from us, back here on the production line, would mean to them. How about it, fellows, can you spare a line? Get your V-Mail stationery from Personnel Dept.

The boys on the polish line wish to thank Dick Walter for the space in the Anvil Chorus. Nice going, Dick.

We understand that cars have a way of coming together even up in Oregon. Ask Don, he knows, and how. So sorry Don.

We find it hard to understand, The workers' dreams and demands, As Saturday past, was surprised to see, **FIVE POLISHERS WERE ABSENTEES.** You can't take home your bigger pay, Doing things this-a-way!!! I sign off now, and bid Adieu, Keep buying those bonds and the extra ones, too.

GASOLINE RATION STICKERS AND COUPONS

Transportation Committee

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION has issued the following rulings:

"Gasoline Rationing Regulations require that every ration holder display on his windshield a sticker designating the highest type of ration which has been issued to him by his local War Price and Rationing Board.

In case the sticker formerly issued has been destroyed, a request should be made to the local War Price and Rationing Board who issued the rations for replacement of the sticker.

ABSENCE of stickers on cars obviously reflects **evason of the law** or ignorance of gasoline rationing regulations."

"GASOLINE COUPONS: It is also absolutely necessary that all gasoline coupons be endorsed immediately upon receipt of same. Black markets in gasoline **REDUCE** the supply of gasoline available to **YOU**".

War production may suffer severely unless black markets are prevented. You are requested by the Transportation Committee to observe the above rulings.

"REGISTRATION STICKERS: All California motorists are being warned by the State Highway Patrol that 1944 Registration Stickers must be stuck within a seven inch square **IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER** of the windshield and **NOWHERE ELSE.**

WAR BOND SAVINGS from a purely selfish angle are the **SAFEST** investment you can make. They will help you weather the stormy days that may lie ahead.

MEDICAL

VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

By Herbert H. Cowper, M. D., Director

While the rest of the country getting its million new victims of every year, the city of Los Angeles suffering a 61% increase of the over last year and now stands as one of all American cities over 1,000,000 population in the prevalence of disease.

The problem here is aggravated by the fact that nearly half of all the infected do not know of their condition thereby continue to pass the disease to others and at the same time leave themselves vulnerable to a complete physical and mental collapse in later years.

Since syphilis has symptoms often resembling minor, common ailments, surface indications of the disease are frequently overlooked or mistaken for any conditions. A person making an error may be justified somewhat much as the symptoms disappear on their own accord in a short time without treatment, but the disease persists unless it is competently treated by a reputable physician.

The first sign of syphilis is a sore at the point where the first syphilis germs entered the body. Known as a chancre, a sore appears ten days or later after infection and remains for two weeks or longer. By the time this sore has appeared, the syphilis germs have spread throughout the entire body, so treatment of the sore alone is useless.

If the primary sore is ignored and infection remains untreated, a secondary symptom may appear within six months. Often this secondary symptom is so general and transient as to be completely overlooked. Occasionally it may be severe to the extent of causing an upheaval of the skin, sores, cake the scalp, and coat the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.

During the first stage, it is possible for the physician to examine serum from the sore under a darkfield microscope to detect the syphilis germs. This may also be possible in the second stage. After the second stage, the only means for determining whether or not a person has syphilis is through a Wassermann blood test.

(To be followed next week by another article.)

LENDING A FEW DOLLARS isn't much of a sacrifice while thousands of our boys are **GIVING** their **LIVES.**

SALES DEPARTMENT

BARBARA PEYTON, lovely secretary of **MARWAYNE CHRISTENSEN**, will become **MRS. STEPHEN PAVLAK** at a quiet home wedding at Laguna Beach, Sunday, February 19. Staff Sergeant Stephen Pavlak is stationed at the Marine Base near San Diego. We wish both of them good luck.

MEANDERING WITH MELENDEZ

Don Melendez

This is our new feature "Meandering with Melendez," and we rise to remark that Don Melendez is a swell reporter, with plenty of journalistic plasma for the Anvil Chorus and in the right vein.)

EDDIE SMOLICH is the guy they point out when anyone wants to prove what good training in the U. S. Navy does to a man. WE point him out too when anyone wants to meet a swell guy.

DICK CLARK always has a gleam of pride in his eye when he passes the Club House. "For," says he, "that's my baby." He was foreman on the job of building it. He is now Head Carpenter in Maintenance.

PLOMB PERSONNEL is divided into TWO groups — those who ride with **JUD EVERMAN** and those who get to work the best way they can. The transportation companies are going to picket him one of these days.

DICK WININGER and **LESTER SEGELSON** are the two welders who look like men from Mars. They make a very hot fire by rubbing two welding rods together, believe it or not.

EMIL HEIMBERGER, our lubrication expert, wouldn't mind a squeaky bearing if it squeaked in the right pitch. The man is musical; quite a violinist, we hear, with many concerts to his credit.

CARL KUHLE, our Tool Crib man is very proud of his son, Harold, who is now fighting the Japs somewhere in the Marshall Islands. We're proud of him too, since he was one of our gang before he left to slug it out with Tojo's mob.

ORVILLE BENNETT — Benny to you — must have something we ain't got — which gives him that strange power over the fair sex. Wonder what it is besides being smart, young and single.

THAT STREAK OF LIGHTNING that just went by, wasn't Flash Gordon. It was just **TOM (SHORTY) LONG**, the Department's Whirlwind, going somewhere in a hurry.

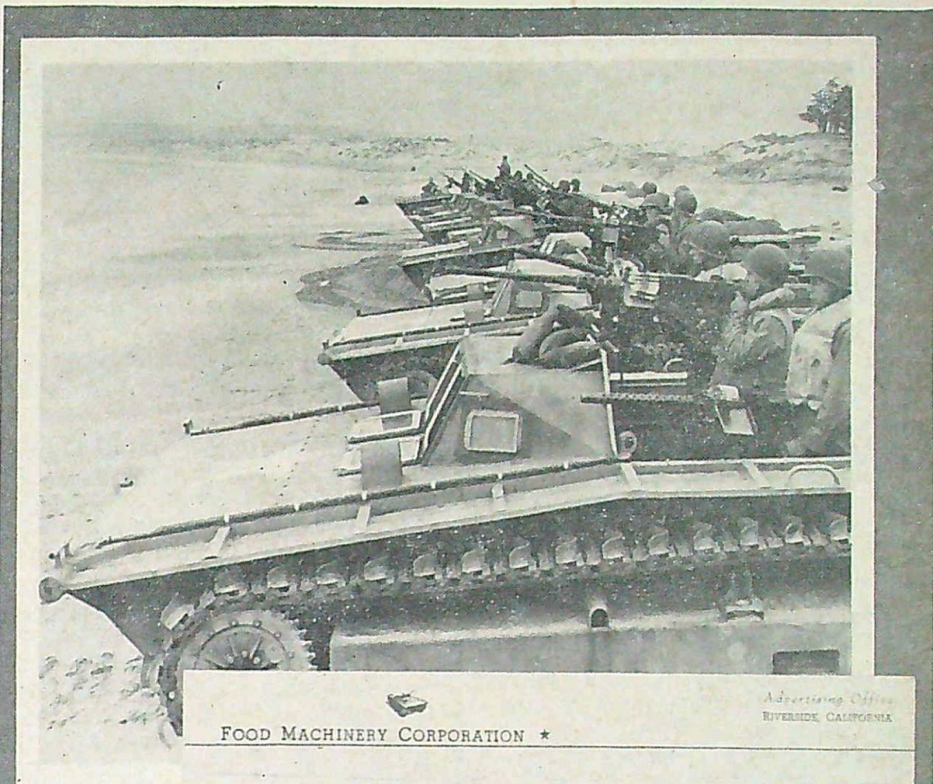
JACOB HOPE has a unique claim to distinction. He once was a bridge builder. Now we know who to call when Santa Fe avenue gets too flooded to cross. Boy, page the C. Bus.

ANDY DE LAUER squeezes oil from shavings. Squeeze Andy some time and you'll accomplish the same results.

TOM GILLESPIE walks through the plant with that far away look in his eyes as if dreaming of the days when he was a sergeant in the army.

JACK GEORGE is another man we're proud of and we wanted to say something nice about him. So we looked in the dictionary from where it says "Abacadabra" to where it ends with Zeppelin but nary a word did we find that was adequate. Even our editor, Dick Walter, who slings words with great ease, ran out of adjectives. So blame Webster, will you Jack?

THANKS, FOOD MACHINERY CORPORATION



FOOD MACHINERY CORPORATION *

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RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Plomb Tool Company
2205 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed prints of the LVT(A) in action are furnished for use as you may see fit.

We are sure that Plomb employees who contributed to the sensational performance of this new landing craft will be interested in seeing their handiwork in action.

We all do our work better if we understand what we are shooting at. Our people must realize that the tools, tubing, storage batteries, bearings, and other things which help to make and maintain a great fighting machine — are vital parts of the weapons upon which American boys' lives depend.

It will interest you to know that we have just had notification of the award of the Army-Navy "S" to our Riverside plant. Our Lakeland, Florida, plant — which was the first unit in the amphibious tank program, received this award 18 months ago.

We fully appreciate the part our suppliers have played in making our record possible, and we feel that this award belongs to you as well as to the Food Machinery Corporation.

Yours very truly,

FOOD MACHINERY CORPORATION

Ralph S. Thompson
Ralph S. Thompson,
Advertising Manager.

"JIGGER" STATZ is developing into one of these strong, silent men we hear about but seldom see. But "Jigger" is concentrating on his job, and unlike the Mississippi steamboat that had to stop every time it used steam to whistle with, he figures that it pays to do one thing at a time and do it well.

EXPORT FLASHES

RAY FORKNER of the Shipping Dept., is worried as the Export Department is shipping tools everywhere and he fears that some of the shipments might be lost as some of the countries might change their location on the map before the boats get there with our tools.

PERSONNEL

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES . . .



**WALTER
SAINT**
Personnel
Director

This is the year we make two touch-downs — one in Europe and one in the Pacific. The Plomb team asks your co-operation in getting into the game and staying there until the final score is in. When another year rolls 'round may you still be in there doing a real job. The team welcomes these new members:

FORGE — Ray Bolin.
MACHINE — Joe Lara, Ruby Culbertson.
POLISH — Ollie McDonald.
MAINTENANCE — Guadalupe Garcia.
STOCKROOM — Jennie Elswick, Lula Fritz, Robert Wiste.
TRAFFIC — Lucile Behrendt.
ORDER — Patricia MacDonald, Valda Parrish.
EXPORT — Josefina Villasenor.

BURRINGLY YOURS

Clarence B. Douglas, Supervisor

HELEN RECKER again acts as the Walter Winchell of the Burring line and comes up with these tid bits:

DORA WEATHERMAN, the last gal on the swing shift, is now on days. Dora was beginning to be a night owl but we hope she'll like being one of the day gang better.

VALINA is back on the job after being absent for a week.

NORMA PROPPES is also back and wishes to thank the Welfare Committee of the Activities Association for the lovely flowers they sent her. She said she began feeling better as soon as they arrived.

HATTIE MILLETTE is back on the Burring line after being absent for several weeks. Guess she thinks that this is a pretty good place to work after all.

YUMA CASEY is ill with a cold. Hurry and get well again Yuma.

ALARM CLOCKS aren't so easy to get these days but we think that **DOUG** should be a little more considerate about **HIS** . . . say to the extent of about 30 minutes.

"BREAKING IN A PAIR OF NEW SHOES" is **ELSIE HUNTLAS'** theme song.

BILLING DEPARTMENT

We feel that **JEAN SHERWIN** can get back in the groove now that her Soldier boy has left. We also hope her two most important problems will be solved — lack of shut eye and the loss of those precious pounds.

Seems **JO GUTH** had a surprise lunch the other day — none other than a big luscious roast. How did your house-guests like the dog's horse meat? By the way, did the poor dog go hungry?

KEEPING THE WHEELS AT PLOMB TURNING

Keeping the wheels in our plant turning under the stress of maintaining increased production of needed tools for the armed services is a constant challenge to the ingenuity of our maintenance department, as day by day the need for efficient maintenance becomes more and more vital.

Equipment is being used to capacity and occasionally beyond capacity. Regular "down turns" for repairs are often impossible under present production schedules.

Repair parts are becoming scarcer and scarcer and delays in getting them longer and longer. Adequate maintenance remains, however, of vital importance. Plomb's war effort may well stand or fall on the success of this department in keeping the wheels turning on vital machines in the Plomb plant.

Systematic preventive maintenance requires close cooperation between maintenance and production departments and nowhere is there a more thorough attempt to lay out a complete program and keep it running on schedule.

Some of the men whose skill and knowledge are in constant demand were mentioned in last week's article. Several others are listed in this week's new column contributed by Don Melendez.

To continue our summary of materials used by the Maintenance Dept.:

DID YOU KNOW that Plomb Tool Company last year used 204 Mop Heads that cost \$224.40 . . . 96 Mop Handles that cost \$140.00 to keep the place you work in clean? 795 Gallons of Floor Wax that cost \$3,005.75 were also applied to floors.

We are indebted to **TOM GILLESPIE** for the figures which have appeared in the two articles on the Maintenance Department and to **DON MELENDEZ** for names of personnel and their duties.

BIRTHDAYS

If you passed along the hall in the north office building last Thursday afternoon you probably noticed an aroma of cake icing mixed with candles. Perhaps if you did pass by at the right time, you were invited in to share in the beautifully decorated cake which was being so skillfully sliced by our jolly President, M. B. P.

It was the occasion, to quote Mr. Pendleton himself, "Of his 21st birthday being celebrated for the . . . time". We are not sure just where the cake originated but someone overheard M. B. P. accuse Bettie of whipping it up during her lunch hour.

It was M. B. P.'s only regret that the cake was not large enough for everyone in the Plomb family to share. It is rumored that Bettie made a note on her calendar to get a barrel of oyster crackers next year for just that purpose.

AMONG LABOR-SAVING DEVICES THE WASTE BASKET RANKS VERY HIGH.



GEORGE BURCHILL just back from the South Pacific, formerly on Plomb's polish line. George was the guest of **AL CARHART** one day last week when he visited the plant



JESSE MAXCY, SR., TELLS ABOUT WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE EAST

TWO MONTHS AGO Jesse Maxcy, Sr. went east to try his luck in an industrial center there. Here is what he reports:

"Talk about wages. I worked twice as hard as I work here at Plomb and my wages averaged \$30.00 a week. The Company DEMANDED a 10% deduction for War Bonds. There was NO BONUS or TIME AND A HALF, and I just couldn't get by on wages like that. Here at Plomb I average around \$75.00 a week and am I glad to be back.

We may gripe once in a while about what may seem to be a tight standard but believe me, fellows, we have a swell opportunity here at Plomb to take home some real dough if only we want to work and quit griping. **PLOMB TOOL COMPANY** is a good outfit to work for and I'm here to stay".